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REPORT NO: 101

ATTENTION: Park and Recreation Board, Agenda of October 30, 2003

SUBJECT: Park Boulevard Promenade Project – Plan Amendments
(Council District 3)

SUMMARY

This is an informational update to the attached report originally prepared for the Balboa Park Committee.

Issue – Should the Park and Recreation Board recommend approval of the proposed amendments to the Balboa Park Master Plan (BPMP), Central Mesa Precise Plan (CMPP) and the Progress Guide and General Plan (PGGP) as part of the Park Boulevard Promenade project proposed by the Zoological Society of San Diego?

Recommendation – Approve the proposed BPMP, CMPP and PGGP amendments with the provisions in the discussion section of the City Manager's Required Provisions.

Other Recommendations

Balboa Park Committee - On September 17, 2003 the Balboa Park Committee considered the proposed amendments to the BPMP, CM PP and the PGPP as part of the Park Boulevard Promenade Project proposed by the Zoological Society of San Diego.

Following a brief review of the project and public input from approximately 40 speakers, the committee approved the proposed amendments with a list of 41 recommendations. See attachment 1 for the complete list of the Balboa Park Committees recommendations and the staff response.

Vote 7-3-1

Design Review Committee – On October 8, 2003 the Design Review Committee considered the proposed amendments to the BPMP, CM PP and the PGPP as part of the Park Boulevard Promenade Project proposed by the Zoological Society of San Diego.

Following a brief review of the project and public input from approximately 8 speakers, the committee approved the proposed amendments with the following recommendations.

1. They supported the project implementation restrictions outlined by the City Manager, in his letter dated March 17, 2003 and all 41 recommendations of the Balboa Park Committee.
2. They felt that the plaza at the zoo entry was too large and that it should be reduced in size.
3. They supported keeping Village Place open for drop off but wanted to enhance the area and make it more pedestrian friendly.
4. They recommended that the consultants consider enlarging the size of the light well adjacent to Spanish Village to improve natural lighting, security and air movement throughout the structure.
5. They recommended that the consultants seek input from the Desert Garden group to discuss the proposed alternatives for the bridge relocation and determine how to eliminate impacts from the pedestrian bridge.

Vote 5-0-1

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: 1. Balboa Park Committee Recommended Actions